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**Hubbell Oxbow Open Space Farming Lease**

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Attached for Council Action is a copy of the Hubbell Oxbow Farming Lease between the City of Albuquerque and J & T Farms, Inc. The Hubbell Oxbow Farm is located on the southwest corner of Coors and Rio Bravo and is City owned public open space.

The purpose of the attached Lease Agreement is to effectively keep this historic farm acreage in production and enhance the land to support agriculture and wildlife habitat. The Lease is a very efficient way of maintaining and operating this farmland without a cost to the City. The Lessee is paying the standard cost per acre to lease farmland and the area remains open to the public for low impact recreation and nature study year round.

This lease was offered to J & T Farms without requesting proposals from other vendors due to the fact that J & T farms owns significant acreage immediately in the area of the Hubbell Farm, as a result J & T is able to deliver farming services to Open Space in a more efficient manner. J & T was the previous contractor for the property before the City acquired it. J & T is familiar with the property and its needs for operating. J & T has substantial equipment and expertise and has already made improvements to the property such as leveling and ditch repair. J & T is closely connected to the Middle Rio Grand Conservancy District and is able to coordinate other improvements and field operations. City Legal Department advised that due to these conditions an RFA was not required.

Term: January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010  
Revenue Amount: \$5,340 yearly

The attached transmittal of the Hubbell Oxbow Agricultural Lease is submitted for consideration and action by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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